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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 356

Introduced by Assembly Member Washington

February 11, 1999

An act to add ~~Section 7073.4 to~~ *and repeal Section 7073.4 of* the Government Code, relating to economic development.

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AB 356, as amended, Washington. Enterprise zones: County of Los Angeles.

The Enterprise Zone Act provides for the designation of enterprise zones by the Trade and Commerce Agency, according to specified criteria, *and* pursuant to which certain entities may receive regulatory, tax, and other incentives for private investment and employment.

This bill would additionally require the Trade and Commerce Agency to rank applicant cities and designate one city within the County of Los Angeles as a new enterprise zone, according to specified criteria.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7073.4 is added to the
2 Government Code, to read:

3 7073.4. (a) The Trade and Commerce Agency shall
4 rank applicant cities and designate one city within the
5 County of Los Angeles as a new enterprise zone, in
6 addition to those enterprise zones designated pursuant to
7 Section 7073.

8 (b) The enterprise zone designated pursuant to this
9 section shall meet all of the following criteria:

10 (1) The average unemployment rate for the entire
11 applicant city was not less than 10 percent in 1998.

12 (2) The median annual household or family income for
13 the entire applicant city is not more than twenty-six
14 thousand five hundred dollars (\$26,500).

15 (3) The percentage of persons in the entire applicant
16 city below the poverty level is at least 25 percent.

17 (4) The applicant is an incorporated city in the County
18 of Los Angeles that has a population of greater than 50,000
19 and less than 100,000 persons according to the most recent
20 census data and does not currently have an enterprise
21 zone.

22 (c) For the purpose of applying any provision of the
23 Revenue and Taxation Code, the additional enterprise
24 zone designated pursuant to this section shall be deemed
25 designated pursuant to Section 7073.

26 (d) *The duration of the enterprise zone designated*
27 *pursuant to this section shall be no more than six years.*

28 (e) *A business that utilizes the tax credits and*
29 *incentives available through the enterprise zone*
30 *designated pursuant to this section shall establish a hiring*
31 *preference for individuals who live in the city in which*
32 *the enterprise zone is established.*

33 (f) *This section shall remain in effect only until*
34 *January 1, 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a*
35 *later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,*
36 *2008, deletes or extends that date.*

37 SEC. 2. The Legislature hereby finds and declares
38 that a special statute is necessary and that a general

1 statute cannot be made applicable, within the meaning of
2 Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution,
3 because of unique circumstances applicable to the
4 County of Los Angeles.

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